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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF
MICROANALYTIC AND MICROSYNTHETIC PROCEDURES

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 19 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Priority Claimed.
- ☐ Certified copy of _____
- ☒ 3 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☒ ✓ An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☐ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references.
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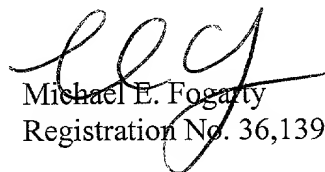
| | NO. OF CLAIMS | | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Total Claims | 29 | -20 | 9 | \$18.00 | \$162.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | -3 | 0 | \$80.00 | \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Basic Fee | | | | | \$710.00 |
| Total of Above Calculations | | | | | \$872.00 |
| Less ½ for Small Entity | | | | | \$0.00 |
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